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TUCSON MAN INDICTED IN SOLARIUM ARSON

PHOENIX, ARIZONA -- The United States Attorney's Office for the District of Arizona announced that on June 5, 2002, a federal grand jury at Tucson, Arizona, returned a one count indictment against Damian Radmanovich, born July 8, 1974, of Tucson, Arizona.

The indictment alleges that on or about May 1, 1999, at or near Tucson, in the District of Arizona, the defendant, Damian Radmanovich, maliciously damaged and destroyed by means of fire and explosive materials, a building at 6444 E. Tanque Verde, formerly the Solarium, and its contents including construction materials, restaurant equipment, supplies and furnishings, including but not limited to chairs and lighting fixtures, used in interstate commerce and in activity affecting interstate commerce. Damian Radmanovich is set for an initial appearance in Federal District Court on June 19, 2002.

The federal indictment charges Damian Radmanovich with violating Title 18 of the United States Code, Section 844(i).

A conviction for arson carries a maximum penalty of 20 years, a \$250,000 fine or both.

An indictment is simply the method by which a person is charged with criminal activity and raises no inference of guilt. An individual is presumed innocent until competent evidence is presented to a jury that establishes guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

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The investigation preceding the indictment was conducted by agents of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, Tucson Police Department, Tucson Fire Department and the Pima County Sheriff's Office.

The prosecution is being handled by Sandra M. Hansen, Assistant United States Attorney, District of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona.

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